



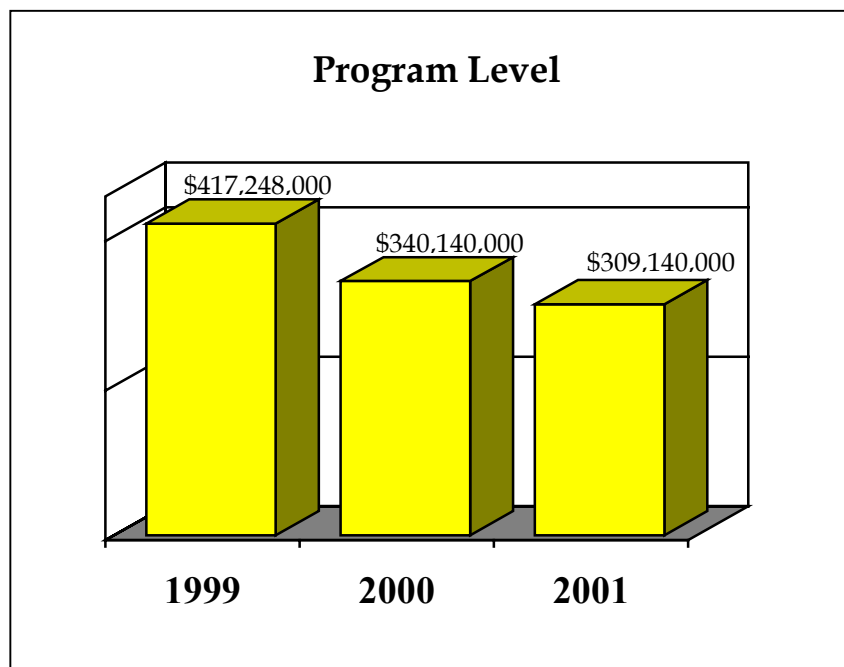
Construction Programs

Summary

New budget authority of \$62,140,000 is requested for the 2001 Construction, Major Projects appropriation; \$162,000,000 for Construction, Minor Projects appropriation; \$60,000,000 for the Grants for the Construction of State Extended Care Facilities; and \$25,000,000 Grants for the Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries.

The Department of Veterans Affairs construction program is funded by four appropriations: Construction, Major Projects; Construction, Minor Projects; the Parking Revolving Fund; and the Nursing Home Revolving Fund. Two grant programs also provide funds for construction and/or renovation: Grants for the Construction of State Extended Care Facilities; and Grants for the Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries.

The bar chart below and tables on the next page reflect appropriations for all Capital Programs.



| Budget Authority (dollars in thousands) | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | 1999 Actual | 2000 Estimate | 2001 Estimate | Increase(+) Decrease(-) |
| Seismic Corrections | \$73,200 | \$0 | \$26,600 | \$26,600 |
| Patient Environment | 50,950 | 56,344 | 41,950 | -14,394 |
| Outpatient improvements | 133,920 | 86,427 | 53,750 | -32,677 |
| Other improvements | 40,190 | 54,659 | 47,125 | -7,534 |
| National cemeteries | 34,500 | 30,200 | 38,400 | 8,200 |
| Staff offices | 1,230 | 2,380 | 7,200 | 4,820 |
| Regional offices | 2,370 | 2,515 | 10,850 | 8,335 |
| Emergency fund | 400 | 360 | 400 | 40 |
| Parking revolving fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Design fund offset | -1,760 | -1,245 | -2,135 | -890 |
| Reprogrammings | -17,700 | -6,500 | 0 | 6,500 |
| Rescissions | -52 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grants for State Extended Care Facilities | 90,000 | 90,000 | 60,000 | -30,000 |
| Grants for State Veterans Cemeteries | 10,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 0 |
| Total, Construction | \$417,248 | \$340,140 | \$309,140 | -\$31,000 |

| Obligations and Budget Authority (dollars in thousands) | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | 1999 Actual | 2000 Estimate | 2001 Estimate | Increase(+) Decrease(-) |
| Budget authority | \$417,248 | \$340,140 | \$309,140 | -\$31,000 |
| Offsetting collection, non-federal sources | 2,894 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 0 |
| Unobligated balance: | | | | |
| Start of year | -679,226 | -685,719 | -485,691 | -200,028 |
| End of year | 685,719 | 485,691 | 343,566 | 142,125 |
| Total obligations | \$413,648 | \$543,268 | \$454,365 | -\$88,903 |

| Average Employment | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|---|
| Purchase and hire (construction fund) | 79 | 130 | 130 | 0 |

Construction, Major Projects

Program Description

The Construction, Major Projects appropriation provides for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any VA facility, including planning, architectural and engineering services, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is over \$4,000,000, or where funds for a project were made available in a previous appropriation under this heading.

New budget authority of \$62,140,000 is requested for the 2001 Construction, Major Projects appropriation. Funds are provided for planning activities including additional Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) studies. Congress initially provided \$10 million to begin these market-based assessments of health care requirements and capital needs in 2000. The 2001 request also includes funds to continue the development of four new national cemeteries to be located near the Miami, FL; Sacramento, CA; Detroit, MI; and Atlanta, GA areas.

A summary of the program funding level by activity follows:

| <i>Detail of Budget Request (dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | |
|--|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Location | Description | Total Estimated Cost | Available Through 2000 | 2001 Request | Future Request |
| A. Medical Program (VHA): | | | | | |
| Seismic | | | | | |
| Palo Alto, CA | Seismic Corrections (NHCU) | \$26,600 | \$0 | \$26,600 | \$0 |
| | Subtotal | \$26,600 | 0 | \$26,600 | \$0 |
| Advance Planning Fund | Various Stations | \$14,500 | 0 | \$14,500 | 0 |
| Design Fund | Various Stations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Asbestos Abatement | Various Stations | 2,025 | 0 | 2,025 | 0 |
| | Subtotal, Major VHA | \$43,125 | 0 | \$43,125 | \$0 |
| | LESS: Design Fund | -1,330 | 0 | -1,330 | 0 |
| | Total, Major VHA | \$41,795 | \$0 | \$41,795 | \$0 |
| B. National Cemetery Administration (NCA) | | | | | |
| Advance Planning Fund | Various Stations | \$2,500 | 0 | \$2,500 | \$0 |
| Design Fund | Various Stations | 1,600 | 0 | 1,600 | 0 |
| Ft. Logan National Cemetery, CO | Gravesite Development | 16,100 | 0 | 16,100 | 0 |
| | Subtotal, Major NCA | \$20,200 | 0 | \$ 20,200 | \$0 |
| | LESS: Design Fund | -805 | 0 | -805 | 0 |
| | Total, Major NCA | \$19,395 | 0 | \$19,395 | \$0 |
| C. Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) | | | | | |
| Advance Planning Fund | Various Stations | \$250 | 0 | \$250 | 0 |
| D. Claims Analyses | | | | | |
| | Various Stations | 700 | 0 | 700 | 0 |
| | Total, Construction, Major Program | \$62,140 | \$0 | \$62,140 | \$0 |

Construction, Minor Projects

Program Description

The Construction, Minor Projects appropriation provides for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any VA facility, including planning, architectural and engineering services, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is less than \$4,000,000.

New budget authority of \$162,000,000 is requested for the 2001 Construction, Minor Projects appropriation to provide funding for selected minor construction projects.

| <i>Construction Projects by Category</i> <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | 2001 Estimate |
|---|----------|--|------------------|
| A. Medical Program | | | \$125,600 |
| Inpatient care and support | \$41,950 | | |
| Outpatient care and support | 53,750 | | |
| Infrastructure and physical plant | 15,200 | | |
| Other | 14,700 | | |
| B. Regional office program | | | 10,600 |
| C. National cemetery program | | | 18,200 |
| D. Staff offices program | | | 7,200 |
| E. Emergency fund | | | 400 |
| Total, construction, minor projects appropriation | | | \$162,000 |

Parking Revolving Fund

Program Description

The Parking Revolving Fund provides for the construction, alteration, or acquisition (including site and lease acquisition), of parking structures in order to accommodate the vehicles of employees of medical facilities, vehicles used to transport veterans and eligible persons to and from such facilities for examination or treatment, and the vehicles of visitors and other individuals having business at such facilities. This appropriation provides for expenditures of funds for lease of parking structures and spaces or for the construction of parking structures for medical facilities.

| <i>Budget Authority</i> <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | |
|--|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | 1999 Actual | 2000 Estimate | 2001 Estimate | Increase (+) Decrease (-) |
| Budget authority | \$(23) ^{1/} | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Receipts | \$2,894 | \$3,100 | \$3,100 | \$0 |
| Obligations | \$18,458 | \$4,950 | \$8,200 | \$3,250 |
| Outlays (net) | \$11,681 | \$3,669 | \$3,461 | -\$208 |

^{1/} Public Law 106-51, the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee and Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Act of 1999, rescinded \$23,000 from the Parking Revolving Fund.

Nursing Home Revolving Fund

Program Description

The Nursing Home Revolving Fund provides for construction, alteration, and acquisition (including site acquisition) of nursing home facilities and may be used only as provided for in appropriation acts. Receipts to this revolving fund are realized from the transfer of any interest in real property that is owned by the United States and administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs and has an estimated value in excess of \$50,000.

No budget authority is required for this revolving fund. Amounts realized from a transfer pursuant to title 38, United States Code, Section 8122 (a)(2)(C) shall be administered as a revolving fund and shall be available without fiscal year limitation. Prior to 2000, a portion of receipts realized from enhanced-use leases was deposited into the Nursing Home Revolving Fund. Public Law 106-117, the Veteran's Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act requires that receipts from Enhanced Use leases collected after November 29, 1999, be deposited into the Department's Health Services Improvement Fund found in the Medical Care Appropriation.

| <i>Appropriation Highlights</i> (dollars in thousands) | | | | |
|---|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | 1999 Actual | 2000 Estimate | 2001 Estimate | Increase (+) Decrease (-) |
| Budget authority | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Obligations | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Outlays | -\$52 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Receipts | \$52 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Grants to Republic of the Philippines

Program Description

This program previously provided for the continued effective care and treatment of U.S. veterans in the Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC). However, with the suspension of U.S. veteran admission to the VMMC, the appropriation of U.S. funds to maintain and upgrade the physical plant at this facility has been discontinued.

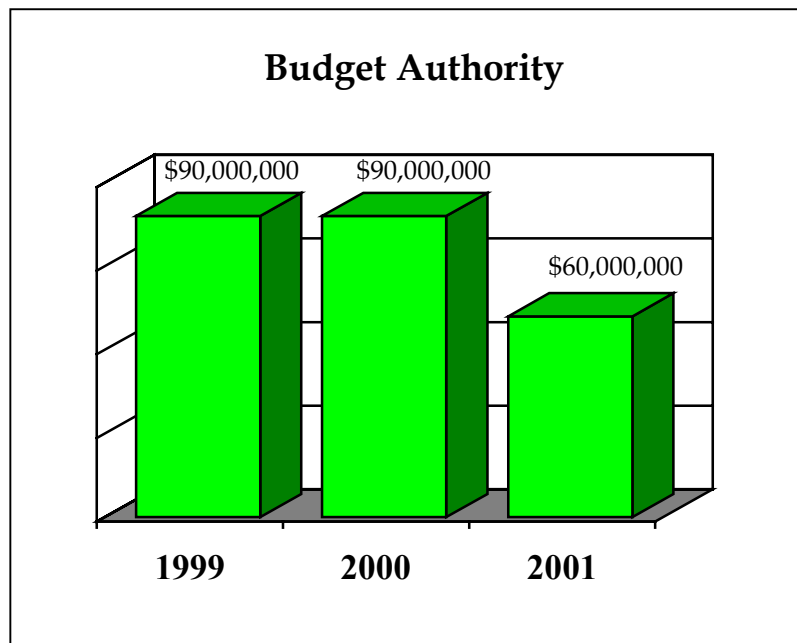
| <i>Obligations and Budget Authority</i> (dollars in thousands) | | | | |
|---|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | 1999 Actual | 2000 Estimate | 2001 Estimate | Increase (+) Decrease (-) |
| Appropriation | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Obligations | \$0 | \$15 | \$0 | -\$15 |
| Outlays | \$2 | \$13 | \$0 | -\$13 |

Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities

Program Description

This appropriation provides funds to assist the States in the acquisition or construction of State nursing home care and domiciliary facilities and in the remodeling, modification or alteration of existing buildings for furnishing domiciliary, nursing home or hospital care to veterans in State homes. Funds provided to this appropriation in 2001 will remain available until expended.

The budget authority requested for 2001 is \$60,000,000.



| <i>Obligations and Budget Authority</i> (dollars in thousands) | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | 1999 Actual | 2000 Estimate | 2001 Estimate | Increase (+) Decrease (-) |
| Program: | | | | |
| Grants to States for the acquisition, construction, Remodeling, or renovation of State home facilities | | | | |
| Total obligations | \$36,990 | \$143,377 | \$60,000 | -\$83,377 |
| Financing: | | | | |
| Unobligated balance available: | | | | |
| Start of year | -367 | -53,377 | 0 | 53,377 |
| End of year | 55,215 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Recoveries from prior year oblig. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unobligated balance expiring | -1,838 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Budget authority | \$90,000 | \$90,000 | \$60,000 | -\$30,000 |

Public Law 106-117, Veteran's Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act of 1999, provided greater specificity in directing VA to prescribe regulations for the number of beds for which grant assistance may be furnished. The following changes were enacted:

- VA is to establish criteria for determining the relative need for additional beds on the part of a State which already has such State home beds;
- Strengthens the requirements governing award of a grant;
- Revises provisions governing the relative priority of each application (among those projects for which States have made their funding available in advance).
- Differentiates among applications for new bed construction by reference to the relative need for such beds; by assigning a higher priority to renovation projects (with a total cost exceeding \$400,000), with highest priority to renovations involving patient life or safety and by assigning second highest priority to an application from a State that has not previously applied for award of a VA construction grant or a grant for a State nursing home.
- Establishes a "transition" rule providing that current regulations and provisions governing applications for State home grants would continue in effect with respect to applications for a limited number of projects. Those "grandfathered" projects are limited to those projects on the list of approved projects, established by the Secretary on October 29, 1998 for which the State had made sufficient funds available and those priority one projects on VA's FY 2000 list, approved by the Secretary on November 3, 1999, submitted by States which have not received FY 1999 grant monies and are not included in the October 29th list.

VA actual cumulative obligations are reflected in the following chart :

| Location | Projects | | Number of New Beds | Total Estimated Cost (\$000) | Actual Obligations (\$000) |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | With Beds | W/O Beds | | | |
| Alexander City, AL..... | 1 | 0 | 150 | \$7,629 | \$4,959 |
| Anderson, SC..... | 1 | 0 | 220 | 12,520 | 7,516 |
| Anna, IL..... | 1 | 0 | 60 | 4,510 | 2,932 |
| Armored, OK..... | 2 | 1 | 160 | 9,501 | 6,176 |
| Augusta, GA..... | 1 | 0 | 192 | 1,956 | 978 |
| Augusta, ME..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 4,472 | 2,907 |
| Bangor, ME..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 10,154 | 6,600 |
| Barboursville, WV..... | 2 | 0 | 201 | 4,060 | 2,508 |
| Barstow, CA..... | 1 | 0 | 400 | 30,500 | 19,825 |
| Batavia, NY..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 15,000 | 8,633 |
| Bay Minette, AL..... | 1 | 0 | 150 | 10,035 | 6,523 |
| Bennington, VT..... | 5 | 2 | 192 | 11,960 | 7,006 |
| Boise, ID..... | 2 | 1 | 186 | 6,795 | 4,292 |
| Boulder City, NV..... | 1 | 0 | 180 | 20,930 | 13,604 |
| Bristol, RI..... | 2 | 1 | 315 | 7,289 | 4,557 |
| Buffalo, NY..... | 1 | 2 | 60 | 3,633 | 2,254 |
| Cape Girardeau, MO..... | 1 | 0 | 150 | 8,364 | 5,436 |
| Cameron, MO..... | 1 | 0 | 200 | 20,356 | 13,200 |
| Caribou, ME..... | 1 | 0 | 40 | 1,850 | 1,187 |
| Charlotte Hall, MD..... | 4 | 0 | 504 | 34,085 | 20,562 |
| Chelsea, MA..... | 0 | 18 | 0 | 6,964 | 3,921 |
| Chula Vista, CA..... | 1 | 0 | 400 | 34,803 | 22,100 |
| Claremore, OK..... | 2 | 0 | 302 | 23,364 | 14,751 |
| Clinton, OK..... | 2 | 3 | 86 | 10,190 | 6,545 |
| Collins, MS..... | 1 | 0 | 150 | 9,451 | 6,143 |
| Columbia Falls, MT..... | 1 | 0 | 40 | 449 | 220 |
| Columbia, SC..... | 1 | 0 | 115 | 1,982 | 687 |
| Daytona Beach, FL..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 8,926 | 5,790 |
| Erie, PA..... | 1 | 4 | 75 | 6,862 | 3,550 |
| Fayetteville, NC..... | 1 | 0 | 150 | 8,801 | 6,911 |
| Fergus Falls, MN..... | 1 | 0 | 85 | 8,000 | 5,200 |
| Florence, CO..... | 1 | 1 | 120 | 1,401 | 894 |
| Floresville, TX..... | 1 | 0 | 160 | 11,746 | 7,635 |
| Ft. Dodge, KS..... | 1 | 0 | 88 | 830 | 415 |
| Glendive, MT..... | 1 | 0 | 80 | 5,691 | 3,699 |
| Grand Island, NE..... | 2 | 1 | 200 | 3,299 | 1,333 |
| Grand Rapids, MI..... | 2 | 1 | 762 | 21,970 | 12,970 |
| Hastings, MN..... | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4,888 | 3,292 |
| Hazard, KY..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 14,888 | 9,417 |
| Hollidaysburg, PA..... | 3 | 4 | 560 | 26,569 | 16,567 |
| Holyoke, MA..... | 1 | 10 | 155 | 3,959 | 2,046 |
| Homelake, CO..... | 1 | 5 | 50 | 2,821 | 1,864 |
| Hot Springs, SD..... | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1,330 | 829 |
| Humboldt, TN..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 7,538 | 4,900 |
| Huntsville, AL..... | 2 | 0 | 150 | 10,308 | 6,701 |
| Jackson, LA..... | 1 | 0 | 235 | 8,675 | 5,000 |
| Jackson, MS..... | 1 | 0 | 150 | 6,198 | 3,931 |
| Juana Diaz, PR..... | 2 | 0 | 240 | 13,667 | 8,884 |
| King, WI..... | 4 | 11 | 649 | 34,801 | 20,385 |
| Kosciusko, MS..... | 1 | 0 | 150 | 9,172 | 5,962 |
| Lafayette, IN..... | 2 | 0 | 250 | 12,532 | 6,126 |
| Lake City, FL..... | 1 | 0 | 150 | 6,739 | 4,377 |
| Land O' Lakes, FL..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 11,944 | 7,764 |
| LaSalle, IL..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 7,200 | 4,643 |
| Lewiston, ID..... | 1 | 0 | 66 | 6,012 | 3,908 |
| Lisbon, ND..... | 1 | 2 | 38 | 5,381 | 3,498 |
| Little Rock, AR..... | 2 | 0 | 211 | 2,182 | 1,418 |
| Luverne, MN..... | 1 | 0 | 83 | 7,457 | 4,847 |
| Madisonville, KY..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 14,253 | 9,264 |

| Location | Projects | | Number of New Beds | Total | Actual |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | With Beds | W/O Beds | | Estimated Cost (\$000) | Obligations (\$000) |
| Manteno, IL..... | 1 | 0 | 300 | 18,094 | 11,761 |
| Marquette, MI..... | 2 | 0 | 244 | 7,639 | 4,965 |
| Marshalltown, IA..... | 3 | 15 | 620 | 26,611 | 16,840 |
| Menlo Park, NJ..... | 3 | 4 | 532 | 47,286 | 30,060 |
| Mexico, MO..... | 1 | 0 | 150 | 6,336 | 4,105 |
| Milledgeville, GA..... | 2 | 1 | 282 | 12,284 | 6,808 |
| Minneapolis, MN..... | 2 | 8 | 540 | 43,831 | 27,785 |
| Monroe, LA..... | 1 | 1 | 156 | 11,849 | 7,279 |
| Montrose, NY..... | 1 | 0 | 252 | 43,856 | 28,506 |
| Murfreesboro, TN..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 5,126 | 3,226 |
| Norman, OK..... | 2 | 1 | 351 | 29,737 | 19,255 |
| Norfolk, NE..... | 1 | 0 | 160 | 16,516 | 10,527 |
| Omaha, NB..... | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1,913 | 1,243 |
| Orting, WA..... | 1 | 10 | 40 | 4,382 | 2,805 |
| Oxford, MS..... | 1 | 0 | 150 | 9,537 | 6,199 |
| Paramus, NJ..... | 2 | 0 | 354 | 28,677 | 18,251 |
| Pembroke Pines, FL..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 15,344 | 9,974 |
| Philadelphia, PA..... | 1 | 0 | 170 | 21,428 | 13,928 |
| Phoenix, AZ..... | 1 | 0 | 200 | 14,189 | 9,223 |
| Pittsburgh, PA..... | 1 | 0 | 250 | 27,339 | 17,770 |
| Pocatello, ID..... | 1 | 0 | 66 | 5,277 | 3,430 |
| Quincy, IL..... | 2 | 5 | 217 | 4,976 | 2,772 |
| Retsil, WA..... | 1 | 8 | 78 | 5,989 | 3,871 |
| Rifle, CO..... | 1 | 0 | 100 | 3,571 | 2,321 |
| Roanoke, VA..... | 1 | 0 | 240 | 17,846 | 9,161 |
| Rocky Hill, CT..... | 0 | 10 | 0 | 4,656 | 2,843 |
| Salt Lake City, UT..... | 1 | 0 | 80 | 6,792 | 4,415 |
| St. Albans, NY..... | 1 | 0 | 250 | 28,919 | 18,798 |
| St. James, MO..... | 2 | 1 | 210 | 15,258 | 8,706 |
| St. Louis, MO..... | 1 | 0 | 200 | 12,496 | 8,123 |
| Sandusky, OH..... | 2 | 7 | 600 | 47,762 | 30,008 |
| Scarborough, ME..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 7,500 | 4,436 |
| Scotts Bluff, NB..... | 1 | 2 | 50 | 4,520 | 2,853 |
| Scranton, PA..... | 1 | 0 | 200 | 23,143 | 13,477 |
| Silver Bay, MN..... | 1 | 0 | 89 | 2,481 | 1,613 |
| South Paris, ME..... | 1 | 0 | 90 | 7,619 | 4,953 |
| Spring City, PA..... | 3 | 0 | 342 | 9,493 | 6,165 |
| Stony Brook, NY..... | 1 | 0 | 350 | 25,400 | 16,510 |
| Sulfur, OK..... | 1 | 1 | 60 | 4,172 | 2,712 |
| Talihina, OK..... | 1 | 0 | 51 | 3,033 | 1,836 |
| Temple, TX..... | 1 | 0 | 160 | 11,770 | 7,650 |
| The Dallas, OR..... | 1 | 0 | 151 | 14,218 | 9,242 |
| Tilton, NH..... | 3 | 0 | 150 | 7,022 | 4,414 |
| Truth or Consequences, NM..... | 1 | 1 | 186 | 5,662 | 3,636 |
| Vineland, NJ..... | 3 | 5 | 300 | 16,431 | 8,664 |
| Walsenburg, CO..... | 1 | 0 | 120 | 7,741 | 5,404 |
| Warrensburg, MO..... | 1 | 0 | 200 | 20,960 | 13,624 |
| Wilmore, KY..... | 1 | 0 | 300 | 14,923 | 10,315 |
| Winfield, KS..... | 1 | 0 | 347 | 16,371 | 10,641 |
| Yountville, CA..... | 1 | 25 | 56 | 94,694 | 61,384 |
| Grand Total..... | 147 | 180 | 20,746 | 1,451,511 | 914,529 |

Grants for Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries

Program Description

Grants are provided to States for the establishment, expansion, or improvement of state veterans cemeteries. The state veterans cemeteries complement the national cemeteries and are a critical part of National Cemetery Administration (NCA) strategy for meeting the goal of assuring that the burial needs of veterans are met. In 1999, 13,383 veterans and eligible family members were buried in State veterans cemeteries that have been assisted by the program.

Experience and recent historical data show that over 80 percent of burials are of persons who resided within 75 miles of the national cemetery in which they were interred. Based on this experience, NCA has determined that reasonable access to a burial option exists for a veteran only if it is located within 75 miles of the veteran's place of residence. It is not realistic, however, to build and operate national cemeteries in sufficient numbers, and situated in such a manner, that every eligible veteran will reside within 75 miles of one. Increasing the availability of state veterans cemeteries is one way to serve those veterans who do not reside near a national cemetery.

Public Law 105-368 amended 38 U.S.C. 2408 by increasing the maximum Federal share of costs of construction from 50 percent to 100 percent, and by permitting Federal funding for the cost of initial equipment when the cemetery is established. The States remain responsible for providing the land and for paying all costs related to the operation and maintenance of the state cemeteries, including the costs for subsequent equipment purchases. This law also extended the grant program's authorization through 2004.

| <i>Appropriation Highlights</i> (dollars in thousands) | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | 1999 Actual | 2000 Current Estimate | 2001 Estimate | Increase(+) Decrease(-) |
| Appropriation | \$10,000 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | \$. . . |
| Obligations..... | 4,838 | 34,248 | 25,000 | -9,248 |
| Outlays | 3,943 | 7,715 | 16,729 | +9,014 |